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**Minutes
Fenwick Island Environmental Committee Meeting
March 9, 2010 at 10:30 PM**

1. **John Belian led the flag salute and called the meeting to order at 10:31 AM.**
2. **Attendance: Members – Cochairs John Belian & Vicki Carmean, Harry Haon, Buzz Henifin, Mary Pat Kyle, Mary Ellen Langan. Absent Members – Donna Blanck, John Fenton, Susan Klein, Chuck Welsh.
Public – Ken Keller, Martha Keller, Pete Chaconas, Joyce Chaconas, Priscilla Kleinstuber, Nancy Carey, Dave Andrews, Lynn Andrews, Barbara McCoy, Jack McCoy, Janet Hess, Vivian Jennings, Liz Lear, Mike Quinn, Marlene Quinn, Jim Stuart, Pete Keenan, plus the program presenters, Todd Smallwood and Sally Boswell.**

Due to time constraints and the process of setting up the program, the order of the agenda was not followed. Some agenda items were postponed until the April meeting.

3. **Adopt a Highway Program: Buzz Henifin explained what the program entails. Then members unanimously agreed that the committee would like to proceed and authorized Buzz to gather the forms and investigate what highway areas are available for adoption. Buzz will bring more information to the next meeting.**
4. **Dune Grass Planting: Information on the date, place and time (9:00 AM March 20th at the beach end of Dagsboro) was passed out to everyone.
Meeting participants were encouraged to register on the designated website or by phone number.**
5. **Casino Proposal for the Indian River Inlet: Harry Haon shared information about the State's plan to allow a casino, possibly next to DNREC's site at the Indian River Inlet.**

6. "Health of Our Inland Bays" presented by Sally Boswell and Todd Smallwood: The following information was shared via a power point presentation.

- The fragile nature of the bay waters
- How a bay becomes sick
- How a bay becomes healthy
- The role of the Center for the Inland Bays & Residents

A general question and answer discussion followed.

- Todd Smallwood suggested Fenwick would benefit if the Charter and Ordinance Committee would ban rainspouts directly linked to the canals and Little Assawoman Bay.
- Joyce Chaconas asked about methods to control the algae blooms.
- Todd indicated that the nutrients had to be reduced. Other algae such as "sea lettuce" could be picked up by a retrieval machine operated by DNREC

7. Other Old and New Business:

- Tree Triage – Vicki Carmean asked for committee to proceed with replacement plantings for those trees and bushes that died since the program was initiated. John Belian was complimented on all of his photo documentation. The Arbor Day "celebration" will focus on the completion of this ambitious three year program.
- More Efficient Street Lighting – At another meeting the committee will discuss ways to bring this need to the attention of the Council, especially since the Municipal Street Aid monies have been cut by the State.

8. Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, April 13th at 10:30 AM.

9. Meeting Adjourned at 12:00 Noon

**Respectfully submitted,
Vicki Carmean**